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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. DANISH PRIME MINISTER'S DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR CROWE:
PRIME MINISTER HARTLING AGREES WITH THE US DESIRE FOR FRANK
CONSULTATIONS BEFORE MAJOR EC DECISIONS ARE FORMULATED, AND
IS IN ACCORD WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VIEWS ON US-EC RE-
LATIONS. ALTHOUGH HE HEADS A MINORITY GOVERNMENT, THE
PRIME MINISTER FEELS HE WILL BE ABLE TO REMAIN IN POWER
INTO NEXT YEAR. (STATE)

2. SAUDI ARABIA MOVES TOWARD CONSTITUTION?: INTERIOR MIN-
ISTER PRINCE FAHD, SPEAKING AUTHORITATIVELY, ADVANCED
SEVERAL NEW DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONCEPTS TO AMBASSADOR
AKINS:

--FAHD HOPES TO CREATE A "CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY" OF
50 TO 60 MEMBERS FUNCTIONING AS THE SAG'S LEGISLATIVE
AND ADVISORY BODY.

--THE PRESENT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WOULD BECOME THE
SAUDI EXECUTIVE ARM.

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--AFTER THE CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY HAS BECOME INSTITUTIONALIZED, FAHD WOULD PROPOSE 400 CANDIDATES FROM

WHICH THE PUBLIC COULD CHOOSE, VIA ELECTIONS, THE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS.

--FAHD BELIEVES WORK ON A CONSTITUTION SHOULD BEGIN SOON. (STATE)

3. US/EUROPEAN RELATIONS: FRG SOURCES BELIEVE FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN WILL MAKE HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO PARIS IN APRIL, AND THAT THE BRITISH POSITION ON CONSULTATIONS WITH THE US IS LIKELY TO BE MAINTAINED, IN VIEW OF THE STRONG UK ATTACHMENT TO NATO AND THE EVIDENTLY UNCERTAIN BRITISH CONNECTION WITH THE EC. THE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILL VISIT BONN MARCH 29 AND WILL DISCUSS IN PARTICULAR US/EUROPEAN RELATIONS. (STATE)

4. JOBERT'S VISIT TO ALGIERS IS A SUCCESS: THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT PRODUCED THE MOST MODERATE PUBLIC EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE ALGERIANS AND A FOREIGN LEADER IN MEMORY. JOBERT EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EUROPEAN-ARAB DIALOGUE, AND DISCUSSED FRENCH-ALGERIAN OFFICIAL VISITS AND THE CONTINUING OIL EMBARGO AGAINST THE NETHERLANDS. (STATE)

5. ISRAEL-EGYPT: ISRAELI PRESS REPORTS SAY THAT US SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPHY CONFIRMS ISRAEL'S CHARGES THAT EGYPT HAS MOVED ARTILLERY EAST OF THE CANAL IN VIOLATION OF THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, AND THAT THE GUNS WERE STILL IN PLACE LATE SUNDAY EVEN THOUGH THE SECRETARY HAD APPEALED TO EGYPT TO REMOVE THEM. THE ISRAELI CABINET REPORTEDLY IS TAKING A GRAVE VIEW OF THE MATTER, BUT DAYAN SAYS IT IS "STILL TOO EARLY TO DRAW CONCLUSIONS." (TICKER)

6. FORMER ALLENDE MINISTER BEING MISTREATED: A CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT TOLD AMBASSADOR POPPER MARCH 25 THAT FORMER MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS CLODOMIRO ALMEYDA, WHO IS IMPRISONED BY THE CHILEAN MILITARY, IS BEING TREATED VERY HARSHLY AND AS A RESULT IS IN VERY POOR

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HEALTH. SHOULD THE CORRESPONDENT PUBLISH THE STORY AND/OR ALMEYDA DIE, SKEPTICISM REGARDING CHILEAN TREATMENT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IS LIKELY TO INCREASE. (STATE) RUSH

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